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SUBJECT: SEOUL RESPONSE; PLEDGING AT THE PARIS SUPPORT
CONFERENCE FOR AFGHANISTAN

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¶1. (SBU) Per reftel request, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's (MOFAT) Development Cooperation Division Acting Director Kyun Jong-ho recently confirmed that Foreign Minister Yu Myung-hwan will be leading the ROKG delegation to the Paris conference. While the ROKG has not yet finalized its new pledge package, it will be larger than its \$20-million pledge made at the 2006 London conference. The ROKG pledge will likely include election assistance but probably not the police trainer proposal at this time, Kyun explained.

¶2. (SBU) Kyun made a special request for our help in recommending the Secretary hold a 30-minute meeting with ForMin Yu to "review major bilateral issues" on the fringes of the upcoming conference.
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